

key that is durable and has, for example, two "flavors." Fig. 4 is a table which shows examples of the two "flavors" for the key 44 for accessing the owner's virtual wallet 12 for an embodiment of the present invention. A first flavor of the key is the owner's secret access mechanism 35, which is necessary for the owner 4 to use every day for access to the virtual wallet 12. A second flavor 45 of the key is held by the trusted third party 8 to give the third party access to the virtual wallet 12. The second flavor 45 is, in effect, like a master key that gives the trusted third party 8 access to the contents of the owner's virtual wallet 12 once the owner 4 is no longer able to use the owner's primary access device 36.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method for securely storing data for an owner, comprising:
 storing the data for the owner by entering the data on a virtual wallet application for the owner, the virtual wallet application having a virtual executor function;
 automatically assigning a secret device to the owner for accessing the stored data;
 automatically escrowing the secret device conditioned on the occurrence of an event;
 receiving verification of the occurrence of the event; and
 accessing the stored data with the escrowed secret device.

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice.

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3. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein entering the data further comprises entering the data by the owner at a terminal.

Please cancel claim 13 without prejudice.

B⁴ 14. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein entering the data further comprises entering the data for the owner on the virtual wallet application having a virtual archivist function.

Sub EIT 32. (Amended) A method for securely storing data for an owner, comprising:
storing the data for the owner;
automatically assigning a secret device to the owner for accessing the stored data, wherein automatically assigning the secret device further comprises automatically assigning the secret device with at least two access aspects comprising an owner's access aspect and a trusted third party's access aspect;
automatically storing the trusted third party's access aspect by a virtual executor aspect of a virtual wallet application for the owner;
automatically escrowing the secret device conditioned on the occurrence of an event;
receiving verification of the occurrence of the event; and
accessing the stored data with the escrowed secret device.

Please cancel claim 33 ~~with~~ without prejudice.

B⁴ 34. (Amended) The method of claim 32, wherein automatically assigning the owner's access aspect further comprises automatically sending the owner's access aspect to the owner.

Please cancel claims 35 ~~37~~ without prejudice.

B⁷ 38. (Amended) The method of claim 32, wherein automatically storing the trusted third party's access aspect further comprises automatically storing the trusted

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third party's access aspect by the virtual executor function of the virtual wallet application on a server of the trusted third party.

41. (Amended) A method for securely storing data for an owner, comprising:
storing the data for the owner;
automatically assigning a secret device to the owner for accessing the stored data;
automatically escrowing the secret device conditioned on the occurrence of an event, wherein automatically escrowing the secret device further comprises automatically escrowing a trusted third-party's access aspect of the secret device by a virtual executor function of the virtual wallet application for the owner;
receiving verification of the occurrence of the event; and
accessing the stored data with the escrowed secret device.

Please cancel claims 42 and 43 without prejudice.

56. (Amended) A method for securely storing data for an owner, comprising:
storing the data for the owner;
automatically assigning a secret device to the owner for accessing the stored data;
automatically escrowing the secret device conditioned on the occurrence of an event;
receiving verification of the occurrence of the event, wherein receiving the verification further comprises entering the verification of the occurrence of the event on a virtual executor function of a virtual wallet application of the owner; and
accessing the stored data with the escrowed secret device.

Please cancel claim 57 without prejudice.

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58. (Amended) The method of claim 56, wherein entering the verification further comprises entering the verification on the virtual executor function of the virtual wallet application on a server.

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62. (Amended) A method for securely storing data for an owner, comprising:
storing the data for the owner;
automatically assigning a secret device to the owner for accessing the stored data;
automatically escrowing the secret device conditioned on the occurrence of an event;
receiving verification of the occurrence of the event; and
accessing the stored data with the escrowed secret device, wherein accessing the stored data further comprises accessing the data stored in a virtual executor function of a virtual wallet application of the owner on a server.

Please cancel claim 63 without prejudice.

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64. (Amended) The method of claim 62, wherein accessing the stored data further comprises accessing the data stored in the virtual executor function of the virtual wallet application on the server of a trusted third party.

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67. (Amended) A method for securely storing data for an owner, comprising:
storing the data for the owner;
automatically assigning a secret device to the owner for accessing the stored data;
automatically escrowing the secret device conditioned on the occurrence of an event;
receiving verification of the occurrence of the event; and

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accessing the stored data with the escrowed secret device, wherein
accessing the stored data further comprises accessing the data using a trusted third party's
access aspect of the secret device stored by a virtual executor function of a virtual wallet
application.

Please cancel claim 68 without prejudice.

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69. (Amended) The method of claim 67, wherein accessing the data further
comprises accessing the data using the trusted third party's access aspect of the secret
device stored by the virtual executor function of the virtual wallet application on a server
of the trusted third party.

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78. (Amended) The method of claim 75, wherein automatically updating the
technology aspects further comprises automatically updating at least one technology
aspect of the data selected from a group of technology aspects consisting of technology
related to signing a document, encryption technology, technology related to a key for
signing a document, technology related to a document itself, technology related to a
certificate revocation list, technology related to a time stamp, and technology related to a
notary stamp.

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81. (Amended) A system for securely storing data for an owner, comprising:
means for storing the data for the owner;
means associated with the storing means for automatically assigning a
secret device to the owner for accessing the stored data;
means associated with the storing means for automatically escrowing the
secret device conditioned upon the occurrence of an event;
means associated with the storing means for receiving verification of the
occurrence of the event; and



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means associated with the storing means for accessing the stored data with the escrowed secret device, the means for storing the data further comprising a virtual wallet application having a virtual executor function.
